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SUBJECT: GRICKOV TV INTERVIEW ON YUGOSLAV INTERNAL SITUATION
AND RELATIONS WITH OTHER CP'S

1. SUMMARY. IN MARCH 11 TV INTERVIEW (EXCERPTED IN MARCH 12
BORBA) LCY EXCOM SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL RELATIONS, GRICKOV DISCUSSED YUGOSLAV INTERNAL
SITUATION, DEFENDING COMPARATIVE STABILITY OF YUGOSLAV
SOCIETY, AND TREATED RELATIONS WITH OTHER CP'S, PARTICULARLY
IN REGARD TO APPROACHING BERLIN CONFERENCE AND PROPOSED
WORLD CP MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. GRICKOV DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO CALM, REASONED,
ANALYSIS OF CURRENT INTERNAL SITUATION IN YUGOSLAVIA. YUGO-
SLAVIA OVERCAME A DEEP SOCIAL CRISIS IN LATE 1971 AND 1972
(WHEN NATIONALIST FORCES WERE EXPELLED FROM LEAGUE OF
COMMUNISTS), HE SAID. THIS WAS DONE ACCORDING TO
CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURE, IN CONTRAST TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH
HAVE FACED SUCH A CRISIS. HE POINTED OUT COUPS AND JUNTAS
ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE, YUGOSLAVIA, ON THE CONTRARY, IS "A COUNTRY
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WHICH HAS THE STRENGTH TO ACHIEVE, BY THE FORCE OF ITS POLICY,

PERMANENT PRESSURE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY". HE ATTACKED IDEA THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS UNSTABLE: "I THINK THESIS OF OUR INSTABILITY HAS BEEN IMPORTED, THAT IT HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY DOMESTIC ENEMIES, AND IS BEING USED AS AN ARGUMENT.. AGAINST THE POLICY OF THE LC."

3. EXPLAINING MIGRATION OF YUGOSLAV LABOR TO WESTERN EUROPEAN JOB MARKETS, GRICKOV POINTED TO CHANGES IN ECONOMIC SYSTEM AROUND 1965 AND NEW EMPHASIS ON HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AS CAUSES OF SURPLUS LABOR SITUATION. THIS SITUATION WILL CHANGE AS ECONOMY DEVELOPS. EVENTUALLY YUGOSLAVIA MAY EVEN IMPORT LABOR HERSELF "ESPECIALLY FROM SOUTH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND COUNTRIES SITUATED IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WOULD STILL BE LESS DEVELOPED".

4. GRICKOV EXPLAINED YUGOSLAV OPPOSITION TO WORLD COMMUNISTS' CONFERENCE AS DESIRE NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEEPENING OF EXISTING CONTRADICTIONS IN WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. THESE CONTRADICTIONS ARISE FROM IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AND DIFFERENT PATHS TOWARD SOCIALISM, AND NONALIGNMENT, AMONG OTHER ELEMENTS.

5. AT BERLIN CONFERENCE, YUGOSLAVS CANNOT GIVE UP SELF-MANAGEMENT AND NONALIGNMENT. NOR CAN THEY ENDORSE DOCUMENTS SETTING DOWN JOINT TASKS, STRATEGY OR TACTICS. GRICKOV NOTED DECISION WHETHER TO ATTEND BERLIN CONFERENCE WOULD BE MADE BY LC PRESIDUM "FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF CONCRETE PREPARATORY DOCUMENT NOW BEING PREPARED".

6. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION REGARDING FRENCH CP CRITICISM OF SELF-MANAGEMENT, GRICKOV NOTED "THAT UNPLEASANT INCIDENT" IS OVER. LC TRIED TO END IT "IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD NOT ESSENTIALLY AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN FRENCH CP AND LCY".

7. COMMENT: WE NOTE INTERVIEW IS PARTICULARLY LUCID DEFENSE OF ESSENTIAL STABILITY OF YUGOSLAV SYSTEM, AS WELL AS OF YUGOSLAV ATTITUDE TOWARD CP CONCLAVES. WE ASSUME FULL TEXT OF BORBA ARTICLE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FBIS.

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